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FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO SADAT

REFERENCE: SADAT/FORD LETTER OF OCTOBER 14

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING REPLY TO PRESIDENT SADAT'S
LETTER OF OCTOBER 14 ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT FORD. SIGNED
ORIGINAL DATED NOVEMBER 30 TO FOLLOW BY POUCH.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: AMBASSADOR EILTS
DELIVERED YOUR LETTER OF OCTOBER 14, 1976, TO ME. I AM
PLEASED THAT YOU ARE GIVING YOUR PERSONAL ATTENTION TO
STRENGTHENING THE EGYPTIAN ECONOMY. AS YOU KNOW FROM OUR
TALKS IN SALZBURG, I SHARE YOUR CONVICTION THAT THIS IS A
MATTER OF THE HIGHEST PRIORITY. THE ECONOMIC HEALTH OF
EGYPT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE WELFARE OF YOUR PEOPLE AND FOR
THE PEACEMAKING PROCESS IN WHICH EGYPT, UNDER YOUR LEADER-
SHIP,-MUST CONTINUE TO PLAY A VITAL AND INDISPENSABLE ROLE.
FOR OUR PART WE INTEND TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SUBSTANTIAL
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT AND TO ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO DO

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THE SAME.

I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ARE CONSIDERING FURTHER ECONOMIC
POLICY MEASURES IN CONSULTATION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL

MONETARY FUND. I RECOGNIZE THE POLITICAL PROBLEMS THAT
SOMETIMES ACCOMPANY EVEN THE BEST ECONOMIC POLICY
DECISIONS. I ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT ONLY YOU CAN MAKE THE
DECISIONS AS TO WHAT WILL BEST SERVE THE INTERESTS OF
YOUR COUNTRY. MY OWN JUDGMENT IS THAT THE IMMEDIATE PRO-
BLEMS ARISING FROM SOUND ALBEIT DIFFICULT ECONOMIC
DECISIONS WILL BE MORE THAN COMPENSATED BY A GREATER
WILLINGNESS ON THE PART OF POTENTIAL DONORS TO INCREASE
ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT IN ITS ECONOMIC RECOVERY.

AMBASSADOR EILTS ALSO REPORTED YOUR THOUGHTS OF DEVELOP-
ING AN ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP WITH THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
GERMANY. MY GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY BEEN IN TOUCH WITH
FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER ON YOUR IDEA OF A GERMAN
FINANCIAL ADVISOR. AMBASSADOR EILTS WILL REPORT TO YOU
IN DETAIL ABOUT OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH OUR GERMAN FRIENDS.
HE WILL ALSO INFORM YOU ABOUT OUR CONTINUING CONTACTS
WITH OTHER FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS TO ASSURE PRIORITY
ATTENTION TO EGYPT'S NEEDS. WE SHALL CONTINUE THESE
EFFORTS AND AT THE SAME TIME LOOK WITH YOU FOR WAYS TO
MAKE OUR OWN HELP TO EGYPT MORE TIMELY AND MORE EFFECTIVE.

CONCERNING OVERALL UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARD THE MIDDLE
EAST, YOU CAN BE CERTAIN THAT I WILL EMPHASIZE TO
PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER OUR FIRM CONVICTION THAT THE PUR-
SUIT OF A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST SHOULD
HAVE THE HIGHEST PRIORITY. I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE NEED
FOR FURTHER MOVEMENT TOWARD THIS OBJECTIVE IN THE MONTHS
AHEAD, AND I WILL CERTAINLY WORK TO IMPRESS UPON THE NEW
ADMINISTRATION THE IMPORTANCE OF SEIZING UPON THE CUR-
RENTLY FAVORABLE CLIMATE.

MRS. FORD JOINS ME IN EXTENDING TO YOU AND MRS. SADAT OUR
WARMEST PERSONAL WISHES, RECALLING WITH UTMOST PLEASURE
OUR MEMORABLE MEETINGS WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. SINCERELY
GERALD R. FORD. END TEXT.

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